

**REMARKS**

Claims 20-27 are pending, and claims 24-26 are withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, claims 20 and 27 are amended.

The amendments to the claims are fully supported by the application as filed, and do not add new matter to the application. With respect to claim 20, see for example, the application at page 4, line 23 to page 5, line 3; page 9, lines 4-10; and Figures 2-3. With respect to claim 27, see for example the application at page 12, line 17; and Figure 2.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the drawings and requires various changes to the drawings. Applicants respectfully submit that the Request for Approval of Drawing Changes filed herewith obviates the Examiner's objection.

Specifically, in Figure 1, arrowheads are added to the lead lines of reference numerals 100, 102, 120, and 122. The reference number referred to by the Examiner as "180" is in fact 130 on Applicants' copies of the original drawings. In Figure 2, an arrowhead is added to the lead line from reference numeral 102, and the lead lines from reference numerals 112, 114 are extended to contact the features they designate. In Figure 3, the lead line from reference numeral 180 is extended to contact the feature it designates. In Figure 4, an arrowhead is added to the lead line from reference numeral 120. In Figure 5, arrowheads are added to the lead lines from reference numerals 120, 500. The lead lines from reference numerals 506, 504 are extended to contact the features they designate. In Figure 6, arrowheads are added to the lead lines from reference numerals 500, 608 and 610. The lead line from reference numeral 505 is extended to contact the feature it designates. With respect to reference numerals 152, 504 and their respective lead lines,

Applicants respectfully submit they are proper and accurate. In the event the Examiner disagrees, he is invited to specifically explain his concern.


Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 20-23 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to claims 20 and 27 obviate this rejection.

In the event any questions arise regarding this communication or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Marked-up Claims 20, 27**

20. A carrier system for establishing positive control of a printable medium processed by a printing system, the carrier system comprising:

at least a first roller chain carrier assembly located on the first side of a transport path of a printable medium;

at least a second roller chain carrier assembly located on a second side of the transport path;

at least one rotatably mounted gripper crossbar in operative connection with the at least first roller chain assembly; and

at least one rotatably mounted roller crossbar in operative connection with said at least one second roller chain carrier assembly, [said at least one gripper crossbar and said at least one roller crossbar being driven in synchronism with the printable medium,]

wherein the [transport path passes through a cutting operation during which the printable medium is severed in a direction transverse to a feed direction of the printable medium] at least one rotatably mounted gripper crossbar and the at least one rotatably mounted roller crossbar cooperate along the transport path.

27. The carrier system of claim 21, wherein the edge is a severed edge [generated when the printable medium passes through the cutting operation] transverse to the transport path.